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GERMANY MAKES Col. O. J. Krag Dead. Paris, Dec. 1., 4.55 p. m.—Colonel Ole Herman Johannes Krag, former chief of ordnance in the Norwegian army and inventor of the Krag-Jorgesen ri-fie, died here today. He was 79 years old. OVERTURES FOR LONDON COMMENT ON PEACE PROPOSAL PEACE PARLEYS

Proposals Made in Identical Notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland

NOTES HAVE ALSO BEEN TRANSMITTED TO POPE

The Neutral Countries Named Have Been Asked to Make Known the Contents to the Nations at War With the Teutonic Allies-No Conditions for Peace Were Mentioned in the Notes-Proposition to be Made by Germany Would Have for Its Object a Lasting Peace-Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's Addhess in the Reichstag Was Well Received-Interested Throngs Surronuded the Reichstag Building During the Session.

declared, a year ago, that Germany

Confidence in The Pope.

opportunity in the interest of humani

work of peace can count upon the precious support of the Holy See."

President Wilson Deeply Interested

But Reserving Comment.

proposal for peace is regarded here as

having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United

States as well as other neutrals from making offers of mediation. Now that one set of belligerents has

peace terms—a condition often reiter-ated as necessary to any action by

ing as the intermediary, transmits the

German proposal it may accompany its action by some steps, necessarily delicate, to throw the influence of the

United States into the balance for at

east a consideration, however pre-

ing peace might be brought to the world. Some ranking officials of the American government believe a lengue

of nations such as President Wilson has suggested must be the outcome

and it could not be perfected without the participation of the United States. Whether the United States will

transmit the German proposal without

any comment whatever, or accompany it with some formal or informal ex-pression, will not be finally decided

until the note delivered to American Charge Grew in Berlin reaches Pres-

ident Wilson's hands, probably tomor-row. There were indications tonight that President Wilson might find some

way to express the solemn and earnes

vish of the United States for a care-ul consideration of the suggestion of

peace, even before the entente govern-ments have made known their attitude toward the German proposal. This, it was pointed out, would necessarily be done in such a delicate and ultr-con-fidential way that it never would be not believed to the con-ticity known should the allies do

priblicly known should the allies de-cline the offer. This course was said to be absolutely necessary so as to leave the United States free and un-

mbarrassed to act when an ecceptable

peace offer comes.

Regardless of whether resident Wil-

son decides to accompany the German proposal with any word, it was said

tonight he unquestionably would take steps to learn the attitude of the en-cente allies toward the peace move and

possibly might send to Europe his personal friend and advisor, Colonel

People Were Intensely Interested

Chancellor's Action.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—After reading the ote in the reichstag, the chancellor

Await the Answer of Enemies.

"Gentlemen: In August, 1914, our enemies challenged the superiority of power in the world war. Today we

raise the question of peace, which is a question of humanity. We await the answer of our enemies with that se-

reneness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience

f our enemies decline to end the war

if they wish to take upon themselves the world's heavy burden of all these terrors which hereafter will follow, then even in the least and smallest homes, every German heart will burn in sacred wrath against our enemies, who are unwilling to stop human

who are unwilling to stop human slaushter, in order that their plans of

onquest and annihilation may con-

SURROUNDED BY THRONG

E. M. House.

REICHSTAG BUILDING

President Wilson—there are indica-tions that when the United States, act

REGARDED IN WASHINGTON

innumerable victims of this war.

"Since the first day of the pontifica

The Teutonic allies declare them-omic work and the social organization selves ready to discuss peace. Also und sacred soil of the country. "Certain of our own strength realizing Europe's sad future if the entente allies do not find the time war continues, the German empire, in propitious for such a discussion.

The readiness of the central powers has been made known in identimal ready to give peace to the world by notes to United States. Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make to find a basis for an understanding. known contents of the notes to the naat war with the Teutonic al-Notes also have been transmitted to the Vatican and the active in-

mentioned in the notes, it was assert-ed that the propositions to be made by Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their ob-ject a guarantee of the existence, of the honor and the liberty of evolution for these nations and would prove "an appropriate basis for the establish-

chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg communicating to the reichstag the fact of the despatch of the notes said the stop was taken on the ground of humanity. The Teutonic allies, he said, could not be conquered and they awaited the answer of the entente allies," with that seriousness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our ex-terior and interior strength and by our

The identical notes said in respect to a refusal of the entente to agree to ss peace and reconciliation that the four Teutonic allied powers are resoulved "to continue to a victorious end, but they disclaim responsibility for this before humanity and history." Emperor William has addressed a message to the army and navy, saving signified its willingness to discuss the It would be accepted was uncertain.
"Until that moment arrives you will fight on," the message concluded.

Note Presented to Papal Secretary. Berlin, Dec. 12.—The note present by Dr. von Murlberg to the vatical Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary

of state, follows: ed I have the honor to send to Your Eminence a copy of the declaration which the imperial government, by the good offices of the powers entrusted with the protection of German inter-ests in the countries with which the German empire is in a state of war. ransmits to these states and in imperial government declares itself ready to enter into peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian Turk-ish and Bu'garian governments also have sent simflar notes.

Reasons Which Prompt Germany. "The reasons which prompted Germany and her allies to take this stey are manifest. For two years and a half a terrible war has been devastating the European continent. Unlimited treasures of civilization have been destroyed. Extensive areas have been sosked with blood. Millions of brave soldiers have fallen in battle and milions beve returned home as invalids.

Europe One Vast War Camp. "Not only upon the belligerent nations but also upon neutrals the de-structive consequences of the signatic struggie weich heavily. Trade and commerce, carefully built up in years of peace, have been depressed. The best forces of the nations have been withdrawn from the production of useful objects. Europe, which formerly deveted to the propagation of religion and civilization, which was trying to find solutions for social problems and was the home of science and art and all peaceful labor, now resembles an immense war camp, in which the achievements and works of many de-cades are doomed to annihilation.

Germany Claims War of Defense. "Germany is carrying on a war defense against her enemies, which aim at her destruction. She fights to assure the intergrity of her front-tiers and the Heerty of the German nation, for the right which she claims to develop freely her intellectual and sconomic energies in peaceful compe-

Iron Wall Impenetable.

"All the efforts of their enemies are mable to shatter the heroic armies of the (Teutonic) allies, which protect the frontiers of their countries, strengthened by the certainty that the enemy

Supported By Whole Nation. "Those fighting on the front know that they are supported by the whole nation, which is inspired by love for its country and is ready for the greatest sacrifices and determined to depend to the last extremity the inheritCabled P aphs

Evening News Declares the Offer Almost Blasphemous.

London, Dec. 12 .- The late editions f the evening newspapers comment arcastically on the German peace of-The Evening News says that inasmuch as the Germans have obtained their "maximum of plunder" and as "the avenker in the shape of Lloyd George is about to inflict punishment," Germany now desires to make peace. "The chancellor's declaration is alost blasphemous," the News con-

"After the crushing of the citizens f Rumania and the deportation of rench and Belgians, the kaiser and chancellor place on the allies the reconsibity for continuing the war."

NATIONAL Y. W. C. A. By John D. Rockefeller-Completes the Dodge Memorial Fund.

New York, Dec. 12.—John D. Rocke-eller has given \$500,000 to the Na-ional Young Women's Christian Assoat the meeting of the organization. The donation, it was said, would en-able the association to complete the Grace H. Dodge Memorial Fund of \$1,-500,000, which, after the death of Miss Dodge, its founder, it set out to raise A legacy of \$500,000 was left to the ssociation by Miss Dodge.

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS GUESTS OF W. R. WILLCOX "Luncheon Conference"-Political

Conditions Talked Over.

New York, Dec. 12.-Several promi ent progressive-republicans were the guests today at a "luncheon confer-ence" called by William R. Willcox, chairman of the republican national pents what the chancellor already has chairman of the republican national committee. Political conditions and prospects in many states were talked over "freely and frankly," Mr. Willcox stated, "with respect to intended changes before the next presidential capaign." He admitted that the plan of Chester H. Rowell, republican state chairman of California, to "progressivelze" the party was discussed at some length. Among those present reign, His Holiness the Pope has un-swervingly demonstrated, in the most generous fashion, his solicitude for the some length. Among those present were Mr. Rowell, Aivin T. Hart, George W. Perkins, F. W. Upham and Everett Colby.

has alleviated the sufferings and ame-liorated the fate of thousands of men overwhelmed by this catastrophe. In-spired by the exaited ideas of his min-istry. His Holiness has seized every ty to end so sanguinary a war.

"The imperial government is firmly confident that initiative of the four powers will find friendly welcome on the part of His Holiness and that the We can proceed upon our way without fear and unashamed. We are ready for fighting and we are ready for

The chancellor's speech was listened to by thronged galleries. The royal box was crowded. All the ambassadors and ministers of foreign governments were in the diplomatic box. The American charge d'affaires, Joseph C. Brew, and Mrs. Grew were among those present, as were the ministers of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the other states of Central and South

The reichstag building aded by a great crowd and the adjoining streets were thronged. people were intensely interested the imperial chancellor, on his a val, was cordially greeted in the usual

clear, loud, ringing voice. His first utterances were greeted with appla on all sides and at frequent points in his speech the assembly assented in demonstrative fashion. Later, how-ever, when he touched upon the ques-tion of policy, differences of opinion made themselves felt, the coming mainly from the Catholic cen-ter and the left. At the conclusion of his address a majority of the house applauded and the galleries joined in the handelapping.

The reichstag adjourned, to be re-convened at the call of the president Prior to adjournment, the president of the chamber declared that the natio and its representatives would always support the chancellor in a policy which was far-sighted and intelligent

BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE MAINTAINING SILENCE.

Peace Move Has Not Created Any Impression on the Average Londoner-

London, Dec. 13, 12.10 a, m.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposal was evi-dent in the first expressions available last night both from public men and the Eritish press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from high authoritative sources indicating the attitude of the government. The only information in the press

reports was from Berlin and in the absence of some tangible official proposition British officials were dispo to maintain reserve. It was noticeable that the proposal had not created any profound impression among the aver age Londoners. There was little talk in the hotels or other public places, and this discussion was far less

crisis. Government circles also held aloof from any discussion, with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administra-tion to a definite course of action. The foreign office would make no comment, in the absence of the terms, but indicated that the British attitude up the Central New England railroad to the present was embodied in the

Some early expressions indicating the general drift of sentiment here COLD STORAGE EGGS were as follows: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: "We want to know more about the terms, for without them the imperial chancellor's suggestion of peace is preposterous and ridiculous. We too, are conscious

a question of time and we will win out

Snow Retarding **War Operations Bay State Cities**

> INTERFERES WITH TEUTONIC DRIVE OF RUMANIANS'

> > Rumania and the Cerna river region

in Serbia continue the sectors where

most of the fighting is taking place

In Wallachia snow has interferred to check, but only slightly, the advance of the central powers against the Ru-

manians and Russians. The town of Mixilfi on the railway between Ploe-

chti and Buezeu, has been captured, as also has the village of Urziceni, twen-ty miles to the southeast. Berlin an-nounces that more than 10,000 addi-tional Rumanians have been captur-

In the Carpathians and along the Moldacian frontier the Russians are keeping up their violent attacks, but,

ccording to Berlin, without success t is asserted by Berlin that the Rus

sians in the Carpathians have lost 30,

Along the Cerna river the entente al-

lies have again attacked viciously, but

again have been repulsed with heavy casualties, according to Teutonic al-

there is continuation of artillery ac-

An unofficial despetch from Switzer-iand says the king of Greece has od-dered a general mobilization. An of-

cial communication from Paris an-ounces that the French Admiral Du

Fournet, commander of the entente naval forces in the Mediterranean, has been replaced by Admiral Goucet.

Berlin reports the destruction by a submarine in the casiern Mediterra-nean of two big transport steamers

laden with war material. The British

For Refusing to Furnish a List of Me

Able to Work.

for refusing to furnish a list of men able to work, the Tournal municipal authorities have refused to supply

the Belgian government a

that list, according to a cable me

Havre, France.

The despatch was made public

which is arranging

today asserts.

the committee of American citizen which is arranging a Carnegie Ha

Further details regarding Belgian deportations by the Germans are set

deportations by the Germans are set forth in the message, which says that the 200,000 marks five against Tournal announcement of which had already been received in cable advices was imposed on October 2 last and that the daily fine of 20,000 marks followed. "List was not delivered and will not be delivered," the despatch today asserts.

Through military control lists and electoral lists, the despetch says the Germans locked up "a certain number of people," some of whom were deported to Germany or northern France when they still refused to work. From these latter ways has been precised.

fect is terrible and they are crying for help. As they still refuse to work they are being struck or hit with hav-

prived of food and are obliged to stay standing during long hours at a time

Steamer Grilse in Danger of Sinking

on the government course. The Ka-nawha at once relayed the message to all stations and ships within reach of

her radio outfit.

At one of the shore stations it was said that another steamer, the identity of which was not learned, had picked up the S. O. S. signal at about

he same time as the Kanawha.

The name of the vessel asking for

elp was blurred in transmission, the

British Schooner Yacht.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Grilse, according to shipping records, is a British auxiliary schooner yacht of 126 tons. She was built at Mahone Bay,

-Other Notables Present.

Washington, Dec. 12. — President Wilson opened the formal White House social season tonight with a dinner in honor of his cabinet. The guests included the vice president and

Mfs. Marshall, Colonel and Mrs. E. M. House, Former Governor Martin Glynn of New York and Mrs. Glynn, Robert S. Lovett, Cyrus H. McCormick, Joseph E. Willard, American ambassador to Spain, Charles Dana Gibson and Mrs. Gibson and a large Group of

and Mrs. Gibson and a large group of government officials and personal

ecciving stations said.

FORMAL WHITE HOUSE

burg, N. S.

SENDS DISTRESS SIGNALS

ace turned toward walls."

message stated:

BRITISH SCHOONER YACHT

BELGIAN CITY OF TOURNAL

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12 REMAIN DRY, 5 WET ACTION ON CERNA RIVER

in Chelsea, Chicopee and Lowell the Russians Are Keeping Up Violent At Margins for License Were Greatly tacks Along Moldavian Front in Car Reduced-Mayorality Elections. pathians, Berlin Says Unsuccessfully.

Boston, Dec. 12.-Elections held in Wenteen cities in this state today roduced no changes in the license ituation. / Five of the cities-Chelsea, cester—remain in the license column although in Chelsea, Chicopee and Lowell the margins were considerably reduced. In most of the cities the nolicense sentiment has prevailed for a number of years and in the absence of important contests for office there was a general lack of interest in the

Elections in 17

CHANGE MADE IN

LICENSE SITUATION

Mayors Reelected.

The mayors successful in seeking rewere: Harold Sweete in At-Daniel J. Coakley in Chicopee; George H. Newhall in Lynn; Charles H. Adams in Melrose; Zebedce E. Cliff in Somerville; Dr. Charles Blodgett in Yalden and Benjamin F. Haynes in Medford.

New Mayors Chosen. The new mayors chosen.

The new mayors chosen were James McPherson in Beverly: Edward E. Willard in Chelsea; John J. Mullen in Everett; Walter B. Hopkinson in Newburyport; Alfred S. Hall in Revere; Wilford D. Gray in Woburn and Pehr G. Holmes in Worcester. In Lawrence and Newton it was an off year on the mayoralise. ear on the mayoralties

QUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKS OF PRINT PAPER Manufacturers to Meet Publishers

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the con-usion of the federal trade commison hearing on print paper prices toneet a committee of the National Pubishers' asosciation to work out, for the cossission's approval a plan for an quitable distribution of the stocks of

Committee For That Purpose.

orint paper.
The manufacturers' proposal came as an unexpected development when the tray commission, after finishing with publishers as witnesses called or manufacturers to Newspaper owners had told of wide differences in paper prices in va-rious parts of the country and of the inability of many small publishers to

bitain paper at any prices.

Counsel for the News Print Manufacturers' association, which controls a large share of the output, declared it had been impossible to analyze in so short a time statistical facts present by the commission's investiga-tors at the outset of the hearing; that the chief complaint was from small publishers unable to get paper because of the increased demand and that the manufacturers, after conferring, had meeting here Fr'day posal for an equitable distribution of

try, including some 10,000 small dailies and weeklies, were represented director through national and state pub-hing associations. It was brought shing associations. out that the increased price of new paper to them amounted to about \$80 a ton and that to papers using fifty tons a year it meant an increased cost of \$4,000 which in many cases would wipe out the paper's entire profit. Witnesses told the commission that already many papers had been forced out of business by increased prices and that hundreds has chance for survival unless there is an these latter, news has been received says the message, which continued:

"The regime to which they are sub-

COLLECTING INFORMATION

RELATIVE TO HIGH PRICES Also Studying Laws to Cope With the Situation.

Washington, Dec. 12.-Progress the government's inquiry into the high cost of living was confined largely to-day to further collection of information relating to the subject and to th study by department of justice officials of existing laws to determine whether they are adequate to enable them to

cope with the situation.

Attorney General Gregory announced that he would determine within a few days, after further study of data in his possession, whether he would rec-ommend to the president that congress be asked to pass additional legislation.
In congress Representatives Sabath

and Farr introduced resolutions. Sabath resolution would direct the secretary of commerce to inquire into and report on the high cost of sugar, with particular reference to reported large dividends of sugar companies. The Farr resolution would provide for an inquiry by the secretary of agri-culture into the supply, importations and exportations of wheat, wheat flour and wheat products.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT PRIVATE CROSSING

of Engine For Considerable Distance.

indicated that the British attitude up to the present was embodied in the declarations made from time to time by the former premier and Viscount Grey and that any new proposals would have to be considered by all the entente allies before a definite attitude was possible.

Some early expressions indicating

SOLD AS FRESH EGGS Dinner Given in Honor of the Cabine 37 Produce Merchants Convicted

New York-200 Cases Pending. of victory, and his boastings will be laughed at."

The Marquis of Londonderry: "We have got to win the war. Peace at the present time would be disastrous to the nation and the empire. It is only partment announced that 200 other cases are pending and it is the intention to prosecute the offenders vigorously.

Michael Radice, of New York, was arrested charged with the larceny of appointed Bavarian minister of war. friends of the president.

Condensed Telegrams

any Other Paper, and Its Total Circulation is the Largest in Connecticut in Proportion to the City's Population.

President Wilson's plurality in Ken-Ninety thousand National Guardsmer will spend Christmas on the Mexican

Fire swept the Montezuma marshes on the Seneca river, 50 miles east of

Imports at the port of New York for the week ended Dec. 1 amounted to \$19,090,904.

Fire destroyed three buildings in the usiness section of Lynbrook, L. I., at a ss of \$20,000. President Wilson has chosen Robert M. Harper to be chairman of the In-

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie has signed a contract to buy the property of Spencer H. Shotter of Savannah.

The American schooner Andy Ma-honey, from San Francisco for Auck-land, arrived at Sydney, N. S.

The Landis Tool Co. of Waynesboro, Pa., has voted to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Elizabeth Robinson, wife of Chas. Robinson, theatrical promoter, was ound dead at her home in Albany. Forty men selected by the British government as munitions inspectors ar-rived at New York from Liverpool.

report that "Big Bill" Edwards would be appointed postmaster at New York was denied at the White House.

John F. Dietz, convicted in Wiscon-

sin in 1910 of the murder of Oscar Harp, was denied application for a Five Bulgarian posts south of the Lymnotza river have been captured by entente troops. Snow has put an end to infantry activity north Belle Feligman, of Missoula, Mont. of Monastir.
On the front in France and Belgium was named as secretary to Jeanette Rankin, the first feminine member of

> Articles of incorporation were filed t Ottawa by the Michipicoten Power & Paper Co., Ltd., with a capital stock

Louis Smith, under military sentence was pardoned by President Wilson to enable him to testify in the Bopp trial at San Francisco

The American Locomotive Co. re-

ived orders for ten 143-ton engines or the Erie and two 83-ton engines for the Maine Central. Members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange have voted to

The Indian appropriation bill, car

the exchange on Saturday, Dec

rying approximately \$9,000,000, first of the annual supply measures, was passed by the house without a roll call. fine of 20,000 marks a day which the erman military authorities have im-osed on the Belgian city of Tournal Members f the Federal Farm Loan

23 and Saturday, Dec. 30.

Board will be ready to announce shortly the locations of the 12 Federa and banks authorized by Congress. President Wilson will reappoint Winthrop Moore Daniels as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commis

received here today by Pierre Belgian consul in New York, ion when his term expires nex tweek. Proprietors of nine motion picture louses at Schenectady, N. Y., were arrested charged with violating the law by permitting exhibitions on Sunday.

> Secretary of the American Embassy her reply to the American inquiry relative to sinking of the steamer lanac State officials of Wisconsin have

sent out a proposal that every farmer in Wisconsin install wireless telegraph apparatus to receive weather reports. Ten men, twelve women and seven children, all civilians in French Belgian territory occupied by the Ger-mas, were killed by allied aeropiane

fire during November George and Louis Ehlers, of Forida N. Y., were arrested charged with hav-ing stolen eleven motor cars from the curb in front of the City Hall and po-

British cruisers in West Indian wat ers are sending out frequent warnings to allied merchantmen urging them to

A delegation from the Central Con-gregational church of Brooklyn, urged that the War Department return its pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. Parks Cadman, of the 23rd Regiment.

Boston, Dec. 12.—A radio message stating the steamer Grilse (?) was eral government investigation into the sinking fast off Cape Race was picked high cost of living, went over arrangements for Grand Jury investigations up by one of the wireless stations on the New England coast tonight. The

"Steamer Grilse off Cape Race, Lat-Jose Benet, L. V. Domeneck tude 43.40 north, longitude 64.50 west Sinking fast. Immediate danger. Send Martin Eravieso, a commission selected by the resident of Porto Rico to appear before Congress and urge Ameri-can citizenship for resident of the is-The distress message was picked up y the United States oil supply steam land, arrived at New York. er Kanawha, which arrived at Rock-land, Maine, yesterday from Mare Is-land, Calif., to undergo her trial trips

The hearing of the charge against Solomon Lewisohn, the Chicago stock salesman, held in \$10,000 bail on a charge with defrauding the mails, was adjourned until Dec. 22 by United States Commissioner Houghton.

TWO SENSATIONAL RAIDS MADE ON ROAD HOUSES Near Brewster, N. Y .- Two Proprietors Held in \$1,000 Bail Each. Danbury, Conn., Dec. 12,-As the re-

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 12.—As the result of two sensational raids on road houses near Brewster, N. Y., today, the alleged proprietors, Mrs. Esther Stafford and Mrs. George W. Ashmore, Cormerly of Bridgeport, were indicted by the Putnam county (N. Y.) grand jury. They were charged with keeping disorderly houses and were held in bonds of \$1,000 each for trial. Eleven women and one man, alleged Eleven women and one man, alleged frequenters, were held in bonds of SOCIAL SEASON OPENED

> NEW YEAR'S DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN MASSACHUSETTS Made So at Recent Election by Vote

of 312,678 For, 113,142 Against. Boston, Dec. 12.—The formal announcement that New Year's day had been added to this state's list of legal holidays was made today by Secretary of State Langury. He made public the full returns of the vote at the recent election on the guestion of making the

election on the question of making the day a legal holiday, showing 312,678 for and 113,182 against. The first ob-servance will be on January I, 1917.

General Reduction of Two to Three Points in Stocks-Bethlehem Steel Registered a 27 Point Loss-Belief Prevails That Final Settlement of War Still is Some Months

creased Prices-Bankers in Wall Street Were Surprised

at the Scope of the First Peace Overture-There Was a

PEACE PROFFER FLURRIES MARKETS

Wheat Pit in Chicago Semi-Demoralized as Result

of Germany's Offer

PRICES FELL IN SOME CASES 11 1-4 CENTS

Had an Opposite Effect on Provisions, Which Showed In-

Off.

frantic, especially after what purported to be the main points of the offer were learned.

Prices Fell 11 1-4 Cents a Bushel. Prices fell in some cases 11 1-4 cent bushel and closed wild at 165 1o 3-4 for May and 142 3-4 to 143 for fully, with the market as a whole -8 to 10 3-4 cents under yesterday; hilsh. Corn lost 2 1-2 to 2 3-4 cents net and oats 3 1-8 to 3 1-4 cents. In rovisions the outcome was a rise of

Market Had Been Weak.

o 55 cents

Although the first flash of peace news reached Chicago at nearly the exact moment of the opening of the wheat market, it was not until a quar-ter of an hour later that traders in general were aware of the announce ment which had been made at Berlin Meanwhile the market had been displaying weakness that was ascribed for the most part to the stoppage of export sales and to the chance of a serious disagreement between Washington and Berlin over attacks by sub marines. As soon as despatches appeared in print, however, telling of the German offer to negotiate for peace, owners of wheat began to throw hold-ings overboard seemingly without 1 m it and prices plunsed downward in good earnest. Fully an hour and a half went by before e citement sub-sided and then only to flame out arain when near the end of the day at-tention was centered on Washington advices credited to the German embassy setting forth a statement mid to butline in the main the basis of the German offer.

Wheat Pit Demoralized. Semi-demoralization ruled the wh pit at the last, as opinion seemed ain ground that the prospect of a re ection of the Berlin offer to nego tiate was more likely than an s ance. Until what looked like defin posed by Berlin were known, the ex-treme break in wheat prices was 8 5-as against 11 1-4 in dealings la er of Developments except in ace cut little if any figure. elling pressure. Prices cave way on by slow degrees as compared with wheat. Some liquidation owing to the peace outlook was witnessed. volume of offerings could not be de-scribed as very large.

The action of oats paralle'ed that of corn. Buying at times was lively, but stop loss orders from owners were nunerous after wheat started on a sec nd whirl down grade.

Since the exchange resumed trading in December of 1914.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Germany's offer especially was in demand on account oday to make peace smashed the wheat market. Selling became almost Germany in case peace should be de-

NEW YORK STOCK

MARKET DEMORALIZED By Scope of Peace Proposals From Germany-Bankers Were Surprised.

New York, Dec. 12.-Unsettlement ordering upon demoralization overtook the stock market today an nouncement of peace overtures Germany and her afties. Losses 5 to 10 points were sustained by such specialtive issues as United States Steel, Crucible Steel, New York Air Brake, Ptah Copper, Central Leather, International Paper and American Locomotive, while Bethlehem Steel de-clined 27 points, Gulf States Steel 19 and United States Industrial Alcohol

Wall Street, particularly these substantial banking interests whose ram-ifications are world-wide, several days ago received an inkling that developments of paramount importance were proceeding in Berlin, but the scope and extent of today's advices far exceeded any forecasts.

Bankers Were Surprised.

Bankers whose connections with the entral powers are admittedly close ande no effort to conceal their surmade no effort to conceal their sur-prise and the powerful interests rep-resenting the entente allies seemed un-prepared for the news. Neither of these groups would discuss the peace proposals for publication, but the in-ference gathered from high sources was that the allied powers would not veriously entertain negotiations at erlously entertain negotiations his time

Not the Psychological Moment. In so-called neutral quarters, the inion was expressed that Germany's epresentatives, were far more com-rehensive than had been expected. Nevertheless, it seemd to be the more eneral opinion that the psychological noment for a peace gathering was still the months off. In this connection, me months off. In this connection, tice we staken of the fact that ex-ange on Germany and Austria tony moved further away from those ountries than before, with recurrent reakness in rates on Italy and Ruson and a new low quotation for ancio-French bonds. Some correction of thes adverse conditions was oted before the end of the day, Total sales of stocks were 2,500,000 theres a record only once approached

Washington, Dec. 12. — Belgium's gratitude to the United States for its

representations to Germany against the deportation of Belgians was ex-

pressed by Minister Havenith today in

a letter delivered personally to Sec-retary Lansing. The letter follows: "I have the honor to inform Your

Excellency that I have received in-struction to express to you the deep gratitude of His Majesty's government

for the noble action which the gov-ernment of the United States has been

good enough to take in approaching the German government on the subject of the deportation of Belgian civilians

and for the great interest taken by the

United States government in the de-fense of the unfortunate Belgian com-

munities which have already under-gone such cruel trials.

these unhappy people are being drag-ged by an oppressor who no longer knows any law, either of God or of man, they have the moral support of hearing the voice of this noble coun-

try proclaiming the new immutability

of these principles of justice and free dom which are so dear to all civilize

people, but above all dear to the Unit

ed States for in defense of these prin-ciples one of the greatest of her pres-idents. Abraham Lincoln, gave all,

"In exile and slavery,

even his life blood."

BELGUIM'S GRATITUDE ANOTHER WOMAN VICTIM TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE DECEPTIVE WAX Conveyed in a Letter Delivered Per-Mrs. Helen Menke Says He Swindled sonally to Secretary Lansing. Her Out of \$2,800 Cash, Besides

New York, Dec. 12.—Charles H. Wax, the self-confessed "Oliver Osborne," who won the love of Miss Rae Tanzer, who won the love of miss has latter, now facing federal prosecution for instituting a breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne, a prominent attorney, was identified in the federal building here today by Miss. Helen Menke, of this city, and accused of being the man who swindled her out of \$2,800 in cash and several hun-

Mrs. Menke told Assistant Attorney

Wood that she had made the acquaint-ance of Wax at Lackawaxen, Pa., dur-ing the summer of 1914 where Wax, she said, represented himself to be George Newell, a capitalist and friend of John D. Rockefeiler. On learning that Mrs. Menke had \$2,400 in a savings bank in this city, Wax, according to Mrs. Menke, inwax, according to Mrs. Menke, induced her to draw the money from the
bank in order that he might help her
embark in a profitable business. Wax
accompanied her on a visit to the
bank, Mrs. Menke said, and after she
had drawn the money he brought her
a hetel for dinner. On leaving the to a hotel for dinner. On leaving the dining table for a moment, she said, she returned to find the money she

had drawn, together with \$400 in cash and jewelry, contained in a handbag, and Wax had disappeared. OFFICIAL LIST OF NEW FRENCH CABINET Briand Retained as Premier and Mininister of Foreign Affairs.

Paris, Dec. 12, 4.15 p. m .- The new French cabinet, according to an unofficial list available today, is com-prised as follows: Premier and minister of foreign affairs, Aristide Briand. Minister of Finance, Alexandre Ri-Minister of War, General Hubert Lyautey. Minister of Marine, Rear Admiral Minister of Fabrication Nationale, in-

cluding munitions and transportation Albert Thomas. Minister of Public Instruction, Paul The six foregoing cabinet member form a council of national defense. Besides the ministers named, the cabinet, according to the unofficial list, will include Louis J. Malvy, minister

ALL TAKEN IN SAFETY FROM GROUNDED TRANSPORT Fourteen Women and Eight Children Were Taken Ashore in Lifeboat.

New York, Dec. 12.—All of the pas-sengers of the United States trans-port Sumner, which went aground late last night off Barnegat, N. J., were brought here tonight. Fourteen women and eight children, who were taken ashore in life boats, arrived on a special train, while ten officers of the Tenth Infantry with 190 enlisted men, were frought to this city on board the coast guard cutter Mohawk. The soldiers were taken directly to Governor's Island headquarters of the department of the East.

Wireless messages received by the United States army deport quartermaster from Captain Webber of the Sumner said the coast guard cutter Seneca, with a wrecking tug, would attempt to float the transport at flood tide tonight. Although the Sumner was said to be fast on the shoals two miles from shore and one mile south of Barnegat, no anxiety apparently was felt for the safety of the vessel last night off Barnegat, N. J., were

will include Louis J. Malvy, minister of interior; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce and agriculture; M. Herriot, rginister of national subsistence and labor; Gaston Doumergue, misister of colonies; Rene Viviani, minister of pustice and public works, er Lapland, New York.